

CODE OF ETIQUETTE FOR THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

- Whenever the National Anthem is played all civilians present should stand at attention, men with bared heads. Persons in uniform should act in accordance with instructions.
- Normally one verse only and the chorus will be played. Where a shortened version of the National Anthem is played, it shall consist of the first twelve bars of the verse and the last four bars of the chorus.
- The National Anthem shall be played –
 - for the purposes of a salute on ceremonial or official occasions, on the arrival and departure of
 - the Governor General.
 - the Sovereign or a member of the Royal family,
 - a foreign Sovereign, Head of State or member of a reigning foreign imperial or Royal Family,
 - Governors-General of Independent Commonwealth countries.

- Governors of the Associated States, and

 - Governors, High Commissioners or Officers administering the Government of a dependent territory within the Commonwealth

 - at the beginning of all public performances in a cinema house.
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- (i) The National Anthem may be played
 - (a) at the completion of any public function, or
 - (b) when toasts are proposed at official functions.

 - (ii) The National Anthem should not be parodied in verse or in song neither should it be played in any tempo other than that officially recognised (eighty-eight crochets to the minute). Particularly, the tune should not be used as a dance number or for the purposes of advertisement.

 - (iii) When more than one anthem is played the Barbados anthem should be played last.